

NCLB Consolidated Application 2009-10

The 2009-10 NCLB Consolidated application will open on September 11, 2009 in the NDE Portal under the GMS tab. Applications must be submitted by October 30, 2009 or the Department will assume that the district is not applying and reclaim the allocations. Remember, all new activities in the application must be approved before the funds can be obligated or spent. Districts that received ARRA Title I funds will have the data imported from the Title I Targeting pages of their approved ARRA ESEA application. Please contact the NDE Helpdesk at: nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov or 866-285-0556 if you need assistance with accessing or using the application and contact your reviewer if you have program questions.

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All programs in the NCLB Consolidated Application for 2008-09 were to be closed-out by submitting a Final Report in a Reimbursement Request by the end of August. The only exception are districts needing to spend through September to reach the carryover limitations for Title I (15% if the original application was \$50,000 or more) and/or Title IV (25%). The Carryover Request Waiver form that must be submitted and approved to exceed the carryover limitations in either program is available on the NCLB Federal Programs homepage at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/federalprograms/index.htm>

Title I Waivers

NDE has received approval from USDE to waive the carryover limitations and the set-aside requirements for Title I schools identified to be in need of improvement.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

ARRA Stabilization Fund applications are due on October 1, 2009. The assurances, signed by the President of the School Board and the Superintendent, must be submitted to Commissioner Breed before an application can be approved.

ARRA Reporting

ARRA Reporting will be broadcast on NET SAT Channel 105 (ST CH 04) at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time) on Tuesday, September 15, 2008. **The telecast will be no more than one hour.** For technical assistance contact the NET Help Desk at 800-698-3426. The powerpoint presentation used in the telecast and the videos will be posted on the ARRA link on the NDE Homepage at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ARRA/index.html>.

A DVD of the telecast will be sent to all ESUs following the broadcast. The telecast will cover the ARRA Section 1512 Report and other updates on ARRA funding and payments. **New proposed guidance from the U. S. Department of Education on the ARRA required reporting of per-pupil instructional expenditures by building will be covered in this telecast.**

ARRA IDEA

Members of the media have now requested the information from all the IDEA ARRA applications.

Early Childhood

Within the next day or two your school district/Educational Service Unit (ESU) should receive the Early Childhood Program Report Form. This form should be completed and returned to Tammi Hicken at the Nebraska Department of Education no later than October 15, 2009. The completed Early Childhood

Program Report form contains much of the information needed by NDE for approval of early childhood programs operated by school districts and ESUs. If you have any questions regarding the Early Childhood Program Report please contact the following staff:

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Career Education

Follow Up Data and the National Student Clearinghouse

StudentTracker for Outreach Programs provides schools with Web access to an enrollment database, representing 92% of US collegiate enrollment. Data is updated three times each term by the 3,200 participating colleges and universities, ensuring the most current and accurate information. These institutions permit the Clearinghouse to make their information available, in full compliance with [FERPA](http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/outreach/ferpa.htm), (<http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/outreach/ferpa.htm>) to educational organizations, such as outreach programs, for the betterment of education.

In collaboration with several organizations (including P-16 and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education), the Nebraska Department of Education has entered into a state level agreement that ***provides FREE access for all public schools in Nebraska*** to the StudentTracker resource. In order to access the resource, an agreement form must be completed and sent to the National Student Clearinghouse. The agreement form and additional information about the process is located at <http://www.nde.state.ne.us/nce/nsc.htm>